Fidelity Scholars Program (FSP):
Community College Initiative

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About the Program

The Fidelity Scholars Program: Community College Initiative is more than a scholarship, it is a college success program that provides ongoing support for historically underserved and underrepresented students, including access to coaches and mentors, financial education, health and wellness resources, workforce readiness guidance and opportunities and scholarship dollars.

The Fidelity Scholars Program: Community College Initiative is designed to assist students who are pursuing a two-year degree or certificate in **STEM, financial services, or health related fields to persist, thrive, and complete their first post-secondary credential** with little or no debt and a clearer pathway to career and economic mobility.

The Award

The Fidelity Scholars Program will fund associate degree recipients for up-to two years of study and certificate students for up to one year. The Fidelity Scholars Program: Community College Initiative is a last dollar, need-based scholarship. The amount of financial support provided for each student will vary depending upon the cost of attendance and the determination of need.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be:
  - At least 18 years of age
  - High school graduates with a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.5 or above or have an earned GED certificate
  - In the process of enrolling or currently enrolled with no more than 32 earned credits (up to one year of credit toward the degree in accordance with institutional guidelines)
  - Pursuing their first degree or certificate
- Applicant must be working toward a degree in a STEM, financial services, or health related field.
- Applicants must be Pell eligible or demonstrate financial need
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have legal permanent resident status
- Applicants must be prepared to fully engage in the Fidelity Scholars Program: connecting with Fidelity Mentors, attending College Success Coach meetings, and participating in Fidelity Scholars virtual and in-person programs. This is a three hour per month commitment

The Fidelity Scholars Program Process for Community College Partners

1 Community College Partners will submit a **Fidelity Scholars: CC Initiative Nomination Form** for each student who they believe would benefit from the Fidelity Scholars Program and who meets the eligibility requirements. Community College partners are asked to submit all nominations by no later than July 11, 2024.

2 UNCF will notify the Community College Partner which students have moved forward in the process and share information on next steps in the selection process during tri-weekly meetings on June 17, July 8th, and July 29th.

3 On August 9th, UNCF will notify selected students (and Community College Partners (CCP) of their acceptance into the program. At that time, UNCF will also request final institutional verification of student enrollment from the CCP be submitted by August 19, 2024.

The Fidelity Scholars Program Application Process for Nominees

1 UNCF will email nominated students an invitation-only link to complete the application process. Emails to nominated students will be sent every Tuesday and Friday beginning June 3 and ending August 1, 2024.

2 The student will create a UNCF profile and complete the application through the secured link within 2 weeks of email receipt.

3 Once the application information is reviewed and verified, students who meet the eligibility requirements will be contacted via email and asked to complete a 15-minute video interview. This is the last step in the process and is required for full consideration in the Fidelity Scholars Program. The video interview is due one week from the date of the request. This process will occur on a rolling basis from June 3–August 1st.

A completed application process for the nominee includes:

- UNCF Profile
- UNCF Online Application
- Transcript
- Financial Aid Award Letter
- Video Interview

To nominate students, complete the online nomination form:
https://forms.office.com/r/qpP4TVufw8

SELECTED SCHOLARS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY AUGUST 9TH

Questions? Email: **FidelityScholars2@UNCF.org**

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